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For: GENE RECOMBINATION AND HYBRID  
PROTEIN DEVELOPMENT

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Official Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 9, 2003 and pursuant to Rules 142 and 143 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing for this application accompanies this response, along with a Petition for Extension of Time, requesting that the time period for responding to the Official Action be extended for a period of **five** (5) months; *i.e.*, from **October 9, 2003** up to and including **March 9, 2004**. A Fee Transmittal form for FY2004 is also submitted herewith, along with a check in payment of the estimated Extension Fee. It is believed that no additional fee(s) is(are) required for this submission. Nevertheless, the Fee Transmittal form authorizes and requests that the Commissioner charge any additional fee(s) owed and/or credit any refund(s) due to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

**Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this document.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

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